

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1118

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A RESOLUTION to honor Pickett CCC Memorial State Park on receiving the 2021 Tennessee State Parks Award of Excellence for facilities management.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing the outstanding management and staff of Pickett CCC Memorial State Park in Jamestown for expertly maintaining and improving the top-notch facilities at their park; and

WHEREAS, their superior performance resulted in Pickett CCC Memorial State Park receiving the 2021 Tennessee State Parks Award of Excellence for facilities management; and

WHEREAS, State parks nominated in the facilities management category are judged on their performance in the care of the park and its facilities by staff and volunteers to create a quality customer experience, and Pickett's management, staff, and volunteers have certainly succeeded in this worthy mission; and

WHEREAS, Pickett CCC Memorial State Park lies within the 20,887-acre Pickett State Forest and is adjacent to Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, in 1933, the Stearns Coal and Lumber Company donated nearly 12,000 acres of land to the State to be utilized as a forest recreational area; initial development of Pickett by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) occurred between 1934 and 1942 with the construction of hiking trails, rustic cabins, a lodge, a ranger station, and a twelve-acre lake; and

WHEREAS, since its historic beginnings during the Great Depression, Pickett CCC Memorial State Park has grown and prospered to become a jewel in the State parks system; and

WHEREAS, Pickett staff, working with volunteers from the Amish community, have completed numerous park projects, including deferred maintenance, thus realizing cost savings;

these projects also include the replacement of a deck at the visitor center to improve ADA access, numerous upgrades to cabins, the completion of trail improvements, the replacement of roofs, and the addition of new sections of a boardwalk; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated public servants have done an exemplary job of maintaining and improving the cleanliness and attractiveness of Pickett CCC Memorial State Park, and they are worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the management, staff, and volunteers of Pickett CCC Memorial State Park on their park's receipt of the 2021 Tennessee State Parks Award of Excellence for facilities management and wish them much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.